MEETING MINUTES  
Kanabec County Economic Development Authority (EDA)  
May 10, 2017 – 7:00am  
Kanabec County Courthouse, Meeting Room #3  
18 North Vine Street, Mora, MN 55051

Members Present: Gene Anderson, Ivan Black, Kathi Ellis, Lisa Holcomb, Doyle Jelsing, Dan Johnson, Jack L’Heureux, Sara Treiber, Jerry Tvedt

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Patrick Christopherson, Heidi Steinmetz, Kelsey Johnson

Others Present: Joel Dhein

The Kanabec County EDA board met at 7:00am on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

Action #1 – It was moved by Dan Johnson, seconded by Jerry Tvedt and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Action #2 – It was moved by Jack L’Heureux, seconded by Lisa Holcomb and carried unanimously to approve the minutes with the following correction:  Action #2, change Dan Jelsing to Dan Johnson.

Action #3 – It was moved by Dan Johnson, seconded by Jerry Tvedt and carried unanimously to approve the following invoices:

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<td>Ehlers &amp; Associates, Inc.</td>
<td>$411.25</td>
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<td>Franklin Outdoor Advertising</td>
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<td>Grand View Lodge</td>
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<td>Economic Development Association of MN</td>
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$1,306.63

Action #4 – It was moved by Gene Anderson, seconded by Jack L’Heureux to nominate Jerry Tvedt for Vice Chairperson.

The Chairperson called for nominations for Vice Chairperson three times with no further nominations.

Action #5 – The Chairperson closed nominations for Vice Chairperson and called for a vote for nominee Jerry Tvedt. The motion carried with all in favor.

Heidi Steinmetz led a discussion regarding JCF Properties Tax Abatement Application.

Action #6 – It was moved by Jack L’Heureux, seconded by Lisa Holcomb and carried unanimously to waive Section 2.11 of the Tax Abatement Policy for the JCF Properties project due to the fact that the City of Mora was creating and amending their Tax Abatement Policy during the time the applicant first inquired with the City of Mora about applying for Tax Abatement for his project.
Action #7 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Lisa Holcomb and carried unanimously to authorize an investment of $16,595 to Braun Intertec to complete Phase 1 Environmental Assessments and Geotechnical Soil Testing for Braham and Mora Industrial Parks.

Heidi Steinmetz led a discussion concerning DEED’s “3rd Annual Thriving in the North” magazine. The general consensus was to decline advertising in the magazine and to focus on advertising locally instead.

Other Discussion:

Broadband funding at the state level. Look into for broadband to our industrial parks. Contact Braham and suggest applying for state project.

Doyle Jelsing needs a letter from Diversified Bronze to move forward. If we can tap into fiber that’s already in the ground, it will save a lot of money.

Look into getting PowerPoint from Bill Coleman to demonstrate the statistics of broadband in our area.

Heidi Steinmetz hand delivered a proposal to East Central Regional Library inviting them to move their headquarters to Kanabec County. Letters of support were included in the proposal.

Action #8 - Chairperson Doyle Jelsing adjourned the meeting at 8:01am.

The Kanabec County EDA will meet again in regular session on Wednesday June 14, 2017 at 7:00am.

Respectfully Submitted
Kelsey Johnson
Coordinator’s Assistant